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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was mostly steady, but fully steady to firm in the East. Retail and food service demand was moderate at best. Supplies in the East were about adequate to closely cleared, but usually sufficient elsewhere. Floor stocks were balanced to long. In the parts structure, movement was fair at best for midweek trading. Wings were barely adequate to tight of an active call. Breast items were at least adequate with tenders and boneless skinless often discounted. Dark meat cuts were fully sufficient with limited interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights. The Composite Weighted Average price for 10/13/08 was 77.23 compared to 75.60 a week earlier, and 70.05 a year ago.



GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 87.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 79.50 cents last year on October 17, 2007.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	162.00
BREASTS - B/S	121.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	74.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	131.00
THIGHS	62.50
DRUMSTICKS	68.50
LEG QUARTERS	55.50
WINGS	103.00

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was mostly steady to fully steady. Retail and food service demand was fair to moderate, best for active ads and promotions. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient to close balanced for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to fair for midweek trading. Wings remained in the best position with supplies barely adequate to tight. Breast items and dark meat cuts were at least adequate or available with limited interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fairly good during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were about adequate to closely cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady. In the parts complex, wings were in good balance and clearing well. Boneless skinless breast and tenders were available and competitively priced. Dark meat cuts were fully sufficient for current needs.

MIDWEST REGION The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady. Offerings were more limited on light trade activity. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate at best. Floor stocks were sufficient to ample; weights mixed. Trade on parts was best on limited supplies of wings; otherwise trade was light on fully sufficient supplies. The market tone was steady to firm on wings, and about steady to weak on the balance of parts.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was about steady. Offerings were generally adequate. Buying activity was moderate. Retailer demand was fair to fairly good; best where promotions were in progress. Floor stocks were in fairly good balance with immediate needs. The market tone was generally steady on parts.

BROILER -TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 7 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 195 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 11, 2008. This was down 7 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 7 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 160 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 11, 2008. Placements were down 7 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through October 11, 2008 were 7.19 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

WEEK ENDING 10/11/08	TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES		PERCENT CHANGE
	2008	2007	PREVIOUS YEAR
	<i>Thousand</i>		
EGGS SET	194,846	208,741	-7
CHICKS PLACED	160,339	173,217	-7

Source: NASS, USDA

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 22-Nov-08 is estimated at 148.7 million head. This compares to 151.1 million head the previous week and to 161.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 131.1 million head and the composite weighted average price was 73.13 cents per pound.

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	335	88.00-194.00	-	108.02
TENDERLOINS	240	96.00-188.00	-	108.46
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW	TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW	TO REPORT		
LEGS	TOO FEW	TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	465	50.00-55.00	-	53.27
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	662	52.00-56.00	53-55	54.07
WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW	TO REPORT		
WINGS (CUT)	100	98.00-105.00	-	102.20
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW	TO REPORT		
THIGHS	TOO FEW	TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW	TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR OCTOBER 15, 2007 -- F.O.B. DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
57.00 - 62.50	60.71	60.04

The index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS – Trucklot buying activity was light to fair at best during midweek trading. Boneless skinless breasts and tenders were available at discounted levels. Legs and drums were more than sufficient for current needs. Wings were balance to tight. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm for wings and gizzards; barely steady to weak for boneless skinless breast, tenders and drums. The balance of items were no better than steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

OCT 14 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	OCT 15 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	110-115	115.22	573,310	BREAST - B/S	110-115	107.67	304,599
TENDERLOINS	105-110	108.83	141,140	TENDERLOINS	105-110	106.65	55,000
BREAST - WITH RIBS	63-64	66.27	155,800	BREAST - WITH RIBS	63-64	67.23	40,240
BREAST - LINE RUN	63	65.12	75,600	BREAST - LINE RUN	63	65.18	70,200
LEGS	64-65	60.51	150,800	LEGS	64-65	58.25	185,280
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	53-54	51.33	448,480	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	53-54	51.63	343,320
DRUMSTICKS	62-63	69.39	115,640	DRUMSTICKS	61-62	67.73	38,660
THIGHS	60-61	70.52	86,920	THIGHS	60-61	72.33	51,560
B/S THIGHS	123-124	128.41	74,040	B/S THIGHS	123-124	124.82	39,880
WINGS (WHOLE)	103-104	107.15	128,760	WINGS (WHOLE)	104-105	107.81	152,840
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	15.00	13,120	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	15.00	15,200
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	47.35	15,320	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	42.47	16,840
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	54.76	22,680	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	57.02	17,360

INCLUDES NY CITY METRO. AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, & PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS
	10/15	10/14	10/13	10/10	10/13	10/10	10/08	10/06	
Alabama	3,968	4,160	4,088	3,990	5.66	5.38	3,993	5.67	
Arkansas	5,143	5,136	4,568	4,330	5.60	5.54	5,240	5.71	
Delmarva	2,230	2,192	2,229	2,270	6.14	6.04	2,253	6.10	
KY-LA-TN	2,004	2,256	2,243	2,407	5.30	5.12	2,043	5.24	
Mississippi	2,985	3,037	2,936	2,970	6.07	5.85	3,036	6.00	
North Carolina	2,867	2,787	2,628	3,121	7.00	6.66	2,734	7.11	
Texas	2,586	2,580	2,735	2,732	5.45	4.85	2,541	5.48	
Total	21,783	22,148	21,427	21,820	5.85	5.63	21,840	5.88	
Mon-Wed	65,522 (A)						65,482 (A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 15-Oct-08 is estimated to be 32,590,000 head down 0.56 percent from a week ago and down -3.18 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,773,000, last year 33,660,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)
PROCESSED POULTRY, DLVRD TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	109-119
ROASTERS 4# & UP	125-135
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY
DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	123
DRY PACK	159
ICE PACK	
ROASTERS 4# & UP	
ICE PACK	
DRY PACK	117
HENS OVER 5#	112
DRY PACK	114
ICE PACK	
DUCKS	235-252

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 18-OCT-08

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	10/18/08 (1)	10/11/08	10/18/08 (1)	10/11/08
	----- Thousand head -----			
Broiler/fryer	164,205(2)		166,390	
Light hens	1,352		1,459	
Heavy hens	1,791		1,704	
Total	167,348		169,553	

(1)ESTIMATED

2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 18-Oct-08 is 160.0 million head compared to 171.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 164.5 million head or 4.5 million more than estimated available. For the week of 25-Oct-08 the estimated available is 160.2 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 10/13/08	139,037		89,226	
AM 10/01/08	141,760		99,200	
CHG	-2,723		-9,974	
PCT CHG	-2		-10	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	10/13/08	10/06/08	10/15/07	10/13/08	10/06/08	10/15/07
PACIFIC COAST	737	572	3,717	6,658	9,487	10,996
LOS ANGELES	321	24	198	1,369	3,209	1,303

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S.GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE,5LBS AND UP, FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 13, 2008

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	RANGE	
		73-81	71-94
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)		

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 10/14/08

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG				LOW HIGH AVG		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	1.35	2.00	1.63	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	1.10	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.85	1.00	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.25	4.75	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	4.75	5.00	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.25	2.20	1.70	RABBITS ea.	-	2.00	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.00	3.00	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	1.50	-
GUINEA KEETS ea	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	56						

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending October 10, 2008

	Whole Chickens		Legs W/Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
	Breasts					
RAYON						
Low	66.59	125.77	73.98	14.80	3.70	51.79
High	69.18	136.87	85.08	18.50	7.40	51.79
Mostly	67.70	129.47	81.38	18.50	7.40	51.79
SAN JUAN						
Low	66.59	125.77	70.29	14.80	3.70	51.79
High	68.44	136.87	77.68	18.50	7.40	51.79
Mostly	67.70	133.17	77.68	16.65	5.55	51.79
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	66.59	129.47	77.68	14.80	7.40	48.09
High	70.29	140.57	88.78	22.20	11.10	48.09
Mostly	68.44	136.87	85.08	18.50	7.40	48.09
BECERRA						
Low	67.33	133.17	81.38	18.50	7.40	53.64
High	71.03	144.27	92.48	22.20	11.10	53.64
Mostly	68.07	140.57	88.78	18.50	9.25	53.64

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate for midweek trading. Seller offerings were noted as adequate to closely balanced for current trade needs. Live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 71 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items were readily available with tenders in the longest position and competitively priced to attract buyers. Wings were well cleared to tight. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient with drums and legs in the longest position.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
66-84
RANGE
WEIGHTED AVERAGE (A)
NO. OF BOXES (A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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